

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Visitor Center Challenge

Fort Vancouver was crucial to the settlement of the Northwest. There were many different people and events which made the Fort so important. Your challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to search the museum and answer the questions below to discover who these people were and what they did.

1. Fur (especially beaver) was used to make clothing and was the BIGGEST source of profit for Fort Vancouver. What group of people brought in the most furs?

2. Lots of fur was shipped from Fort Vancouver. We know this from old records written by Hudson's Bay Company employees. How many Furs were recorded as being shipped to England in 1843?

3. All of the Craftsmen and laborers at the Fort were employees of the Hudson's Bay Company. In what year was the company founded? _____
4. Where was Hudson's Bay Company's headquarters? _____
5. Many of the trade goods that were sent to other Forts were made right here at Fort Vancouver! These men were some of the first craftsmen in the Pacific Northwest.

Name 3 different types of craftsmen at Fort Vancouver:

Name 1 thing that each of these craftsmen made:

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6. It is important to remember that Fort Vancouver, much like present day Vancouver, was a diverse place. List 3 different ethnicities that were working here at Fort Vancouver.

7. As you now know, Fort Vancouver employees came from different backgrounds and were from different classes. There were the clerks or "gentlemen" of the company, and there were also laborers and trappers. Give an example of 2 items within the museum that you think would have been used by the gentlemen or clerks.

Give an example of 2 items within the museum that laborers and trappers would've used:

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8. What was the main form of trade that Native Americans used at Fort Vancouver?

9. What were some items that Native Americans would've traded for?

10. Looking back at questions 1, 6 and 7, do you think the employees at Fort Vancouver had a good relationship with Native Americans and why?

11. What is one thing referred to in the museum that is not an animal, but is named "Beaver"?

12. Archaeology is a corner stone here at Fort Vancouver. List three objects excavated from Fort Vancouver. What would they have been used for?

In 1948, Fort Vancouver was added to the National Park System. Like Mount Rainer, Yellowstone, Crater Lake, and other National Parks, Fort Vancouver was important enough to save and rebuild for people around the world to visit and enjoy.

13. In your own words, write why you think Fort Vancouver is important enough to be a National Historic Site.
